

U.S. Department of Justice

Washington, DC 20530

Supplemental Statement**Pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of
1938, as amended**For Six Month Period Ending 11/30/2019

(Insert date)

I - REGISTRANT

1. (a) Name of Registrant (b) Registration No.

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- (c) Business Address(es) of Registrant
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- 1100 New Hampshire Ave NW
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- Washington, DC 20037

2. Has there been a change in the information previously furnished in connection with the following?

- (a) If an individual:

(1) Residence address(es)	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(2) Citizenship	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
(3) Occupation	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

- (b) If an organization:

(1) Name	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(2) Ownership or control	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
(3) Branch offices	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

- (c) Explain fully all changes, if any, indicated in Items (a) and (b) above.

IF THE REGISTRANT IS AN INDIVIDUAL, OMIT RESPONSE TO ITEMS 3, 4, AND 5(a).

3. If you have previously filed Exhibit C
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- , state whether any changes therein have occurred during this 6 month reporting period.

Yes ☐ No ☒If yes, have you filed an amendment to the Exhibit C? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

¹ The Exhibit C, for which no printed form is provided, consists of a true copy of the charter, articles of incorporation, association, and by laws of a registrant that is an organization. (A waiver of the requirement to file an Exhibit C may be obtained for good cause upon written application to the Assistant Attorney General, National Security Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530.)

4. (a) Have any persons ceased acting as partners, officers, directors or similar officials of the registrant during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name

Position

Date Connection Ended

(b) Have any persons become partners, officers, directors or similar officials during this 6 month reporting period?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name

Residence Address

Citizenship

Position

Date Assumed

5. (a) Has any person named in Item 4(b) rendered services directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal?

Yes ☐No ☒

If yes, identify each such person and describe the service rendered.

(b) During this six month reporting period, has the registrant hired as employees or in any other capacity, any persons who rendered or will render services to the registrant directly in furtherance of the interests of any foreign principal(s) in other than a clerical or secretarial, or in a related or similar capacity? Yes ☐ No ☒

Name

Residence Address

Citizenship

Position

Date Assumed

(c) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their employment or connection with the registrant during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name

Position or Connection

Date Terminated

(d) Have any employees or individuals, who have filed a short form registration statement, terminated their connection with any foreign principal during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name

Position or Connection

Foreign Principal

Date Terminated

6. Have short form registration statements been filed by all of the persons named in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the supplemental statement?

Yes ☐No ☐

If no, list names of persons who have not filed the required statement.

II - FOREIGN PRINCIPAL

7. Has your connection with any foreign principal ended during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal

Date of Termination

8. Have you acquired any new foreign principal(s)² during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Name and Address of Foreign Principal(s)

Date Acquired

9. In addition to those named in Items 7 and 8, if any, list foreign principal(s)² whom you continued to represent during the 6 month reporting period.

Government of the Republic of Cyprus

10. (a) Have you filed exhibits for the newly acquired foreign principal(s), if any, listed in Item 8?

Exhibit A³ Yes ☐ No ☐

Exhibit B⁴ Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required exhibit.

- (b) Have there been any changes in the Exhibits A and B previously filed for any foreign principal whom you represented during this six month period? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, have you filed an amendment to these exhibits? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please attach the required amendment.

² The term "foreign principal" includes, in addition to those defined in Section 1(b) of the Act, an individual organization any of whose activities are directly or indirectly supervised, directed, controlled, financed, or subsidized in whole or in major part by a foreign government, foreign political party, foreign organization or foreign individual. (See Rule 100(a) (9)). A registrant who represents more than one foreign principal is required to list in the statements he files under the Act only those principals for whom he is not entitled to claim exemption under Section 3 of the Act. (See Rule 208.)

³ The Exhibit A, which is filed on Form NSD-3, sets forth the information required to be disclosed concerning each foreign principal.

⁴ The Exhibit B, which is filed on Form NSD 4, sets forth the information concerning the agreement or understanding between the registrant and the foreign principal.

III - ACTIVITIES

11. During this 6 month reporting period, have you engaged in any activities for or rendered any services to any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each foreign principal and describe in full detail your activities and services:

Government of the Republic of Cyprus: Convened discussions among leading Cypriot-Americans and Greek-Americans and advised Cypriot officials with respect to US policy. CEH also engaged with US policymakers regarding interests in the Cypriot-American community, including security, trade and other issues.

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12. During this 6 month reporting period, have you on behalf of any foreign principal engaged in political activity⁵ as defined below? Yes ☒ No ☐

If yes, identify each such foreign principal and describe in full detail all such political activity, indicating, among other things, the relations, interests and policies sought to be influenced and the means employed to achieve this purpose. If the registrant arranged, sponsored or delivered speeches, lectures or radio and TV broadcasts, give details as to dates, places of delivery, names of speakers and subject matter.

CEH helped arrange meetings with US policymakers on behalf of the Cypriot-American and Greek-American community. CEH worked to secure co-sponsorship of H.R. 2913 and S. 1102 with other Cypriot-American and Greek-American community organizations, as well as Jewish advocacy groups.

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13. In addition to the above described activities, if any, have you engaged in activity on your own behalf which benefits your foreign principal(s)? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, describe fully.

⁵ "Political activity," as defined in Section 1(o) of the Act, means any activity that the person engaging in believes will, or that the person intends to, in any way influence any agency or official of the Government of the United States or any section of the public within the United States with reference to formulating, adopting or changing the domestic or foreign policies of the United States or with reference to political or public interests, policies, or relations of a government of a foreign country or a foreign political party.

IV - FINANCIAL INFORMATION

14. (a) RECEIPTS-MONIES

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal, any contributions, income or money either as compensation or otherwise? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, explain why.

Government of the Republic of Cyprus behind schedule on annual payment

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies.⁶

Date	From Whom	Purpose	Amount
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Total

(b) RECEIPTS - FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received, as part of a fundraising campaign⁷, any money on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, have you filed an Exhibit D⁸ to your registration? Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, indicate the date the Exhibit D was filed. Date _____

(c) RECEIPTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you received any thing of value⁹ other than money from any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement, or from any other source, for or in the interests of any such foreign principal?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Foreign Principal	Date Received	Thing of Value	Purpose
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^{6, 7} A registrant is required to file an Exhibit D if he collects or receives contributions, loans, moneys, or other things of value for a foreign principal, as part of a fundraising campaign. (See Rule 201(e)).

⁸ An Exhibit D, for which no printed form is provided, sets forth an account of money collected or received as a result of a fundraising campaign and transmitted for a foreign principal.

⁹ Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

15. (a) **DISBURSEMENTS-MONIES**

During this 6 month reporting period, have you

- (1) disbursed or expended monies in connection with activity on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement? Yes ☐ No ☒
- (2) transmitted monies to any such foreign principal? Yes ☐ No ☒

If no, explain in full detail why there were no disbursements made on behalf of any foreign principal.

If yes, set forth below in the required detail and separately for each foreign principal an account of such monies, including monies transmitted, if any, to each foreign principal.

Date	To Whom	Purpose	Amount
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Total

(b) DISBURSEMENTS-THINGS OF VALUE

During this 6 month reporting period, have you disposed of anything of value¹⁰ other than money in furtherance of or in connection with activities on behalf of any foreign principal named in Items 7, 8, or 9 of this statement?

Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Recipient	Foreign Principal	Thing of Value	Purpose
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(c) DISBURSEMENTS-POLITICAL CONTRIBUTIONS

During this 6 month reporting period, have you from your own funds and on your own behalf either directly or through any other person, made any contributions of money or other things of value¹¹ in connection with an election to any political office, or in connection with any primary election, convention, or caucus held to select candidates for political office?

Yes ☐ No ☐

If yes, furnish the following information:

Date	Amount or Thing of Value	Political Organization or Candidate	Location of Event
6/17/19	\$1,000.00	Ted Deutch for Congress	
9/18/19	\$1,000.00	PAC to the Future	
9/19/19	\$1,000.00	Brian Fitzpatrick for Congress	
9/20/19	\$250.00	Lofgren for Congress	
9/23/19	\$1,000.00	Torres for Congress	
9/26/19	\$1,000.00	Nita Lowey for Congress	
9/30/19	\$1,000.00	Leahy for US Senate	

^{10, 11} Things of value include but are not limited to gifts, interest free loans, expense free travel, favored stock purchases, exclusive rights, favored treatment over competitors, "kickbacks," and the like.

V - INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

16. (a) During this 6 month reporting period, did you prepare, disseminate or cause to be disseminated any informational materials?¹²

Yes ☒No ☐

If Yes, go to Item 17.

(b) If you answered No to Item 16(a), do you disseminate any material in connection with your registration?

Yes ☐No ☐

If Yes, please forward the materials disseminated during the six month period to the Registration Unit for review.

17. Identify each such foreign principal.

Government of the Republic of Cyprus* (Opinion piece - attached - was published on behalf of the Cypriot-American and Greek-American community and was not directed in any way by the Government of Cyprus)

18. During this 6 month reporting period, has any foreign principal established a budget or allocated a specified sum of money to finance your activities in preparing or disseminating informational materials? Yes ☐ No ☒

If yes, identify each such foreign principal, specify amount, and indicate for what period of time.

19. During this 6 month reporting period, did your activities in preparing, disseminating or causing the dissemination of informational materials include the use of any of the following:

☐ Radio or TV broadcasts☐ Magazine or newspaper☐ Motion picture films☐ Letters or telegrams☐ Advertising campaigns☒ Press releases☐ Pamphlets or other publications☐ Lectures or speeches☐ Other (specify) _____**Electronic Communications**☒ Email☐ Website URL(s): _____☐ Social media websites URL(s): _____☐ Other (specify) _____

20. During this 6 month reporting period, did you disseminate or cause to be disseminated informational materials among any of the following groups:

☐ Public officials☒ Newspapers☐ Libraries☐ Legislators☐ Editors☐ Educational institutions☐ Government agencies☐ Civic groups or associations☐ Nationality groups☐ Other (specify) _____

21. What language was used in the informational materials:

☒ English☒ Other (specify) Greek

22. Did you file with the Registration Unit, U.S. Department of Justice a copy of each item of such informational materials disseminated or caused to be disseminated during this 6 month reporting period? Yes ☒ No ☐

23. Did you label each item of such informational materials with the statement required by Section 4(b) of the Act?

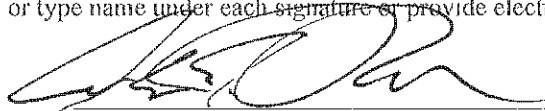
Yes ☐No ☐

¹² The term informational materials includes any oral, visual, graphic, written, or pictorial information or matter of any kind, including that published by means of advertising, books, periodicals, newspapers, lectures, broadcasts, motion pictures, or any means or instrumentality of interstate or foreign commerce or otherwise. Informational materials disseminated by an agent of a foreign principal as part of an activity in itself exempt from registration, or an activity which by itself would not require registration, need not be filed pursuant to Section 4(b) of the Act.

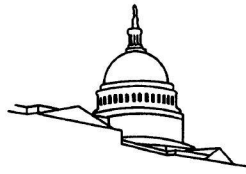
VI - EXECUTION

In accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1746, the undersigned swear(s) or affirm(s) under penalty of perjury that he/she has (they have) read the information set forth in this registration statement and the attached exhibits and that he/she is (they are) familiar with the contents thereof and that such contents are in their entirety true and accurate to the best of his/her (their) knowledge and belief, except that the undersigned make(s) no representation as to truth or accuracy of the information contained in the attached Short Form Registration Statement(s), if any, insofar as such information is not within his/her (their) personal knowledge.

(Date of signature)

(Print or type name under each signature or provide electronic signature¹³)12/30/19

¹³ This statement shall be signed by the individual agent, if the registrant is an individual, or by a majority of those partners, officers, directors or persons performing similar functions, if the registrant is an organization, except that the organization can, by power of attorney, authorize one or more individuals to execute this statement on its behalf.



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**Is the U.S. Congress Coming Through
for Greece and Cyprus as It Did in 1974?**

Not since Turkey's aptly named "Operation Attila" -- its 1974 invasion of Cyprus and its Srebrenica-like citizen executions and mass graves -- have I seen a more just reaction from Capitol Hill. This time it's a reaction to Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan's acquisition of Russian S-400 missiles. Analyses of the similarities and differences between then and now can help predict what may be coming next.

Today, the Ranking Minority Member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee Senator Bob Menendez, who introduced the first Eastern Mediterranean Security and Energy Partnership Act, is playing the role reminiscent of my boss in the 1970s, Senator Tom Eagleton, who introduced the first Turkish Arms Embargo legislation. In the House, Hellenic Congressman Gus Bilirakis, Congressmen David Cicilline and Ted Deutch, Middle East Subcommittee Chairman, introduced and led action on the House version of the Eastern Med bill. They are playing the role of then Rhodes Scholars and Hellenic Congressmen Paul Sarbanes and John Brademas following the Cyprus invasion.

With respect to the authorization legislation, Chairman Deutch and House Foreign Affairs Committee Chairman Eliot Engel, as well as Cicilline, who are all Jewish, are playing the role of 1974's House European Subcommittee Chairman Ben Rosenthal, who was also Jewish. Jewish Senators and Members voted in favor of our Embargo legislation at a higher percentage than any other group. They understand the damage done to America's security interests in the Eastern Mediterranean when unbalanced US policy injures our Western democratic allies, Greece, Cyprus and Israel.

Also similar to the Embargo years are the Hellenic Chiefs of Staff for Congressmen Bilirakis and Cicilline -- Liz Hittos and Peter Karafotas, respectively -- just as Paul Sarbanes' Chief of Staff Peter Marudas and I played such roles behind the scenes. In those days I could from my Senate office, and on weekends, including many friends, make long distance calls telling our 500 churches and other Hellenic organization chapters which Senators' and Members' votes needed to be switched and how to switch them. Techniques learned from my father, who served as Presidents John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson's White House lobbyist, and from my Senate work, helped our lobby win 12 major votes. Our lobby made modern history as we moved the Congress to override the White House on a major foreign policy.

What happened then should caution expectations today. President Jimmy Carter came into office promising great things for Cyprus and Greece as he appointed me his youngest Assistant Secretary. He then believed Turkey's promise that they would leave Cyprus if the Embargo was lifted, and he ordered us all to make it happen. I offered my resignation and lamented his one vote margin of victory to lift the Embargo, that I am sure would not have succeeded if my Senate lobby-directing effort had still been in place.

Particularly crucial then and now are the Congress' Appropriations Committees. Then they cut off funds for arms in the pipeline to Turkey. Today, that Committee's role can be even more impactful because the powerful House Appropriations Committee Chairperson, Nita Lowey, is one of the most highly regarded Members and a great Philhellene. Like President Bill Clinton, Assistant Secretaries Dick Holbrooke and Wess Mitchell, she understands that the U.S. must take extraordinary steps to try to balance our Eastern Mediterranean policy by bolstering Greece, Cyprus and Israel.

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To institutionalize today's well-deserved State and Defense Departments' cherishing of Greece, Cyprus and Israel, Lowey is instituting an Annual Washington Summit for our Eastern Mediterranean Partnership -- the US, Israel, Greece and Cyprus. It will drive into our bureaucracy and Congress a deep understanding of the ongoing essential value of these three countries. The Appropriations Committee knows that over the years we have given billions of dollars in cash military aid to Turkey, most of which was deployed at Greece and Cyprus.

Given Chairwoman Lowey's long-term knowledge of this issue, President Donald Trump's recent refusal to sanction Erdogan in response to his purchase of Russian S-400s is likely to be discomforting to her. And, her familiarity with Erdogan's record likely makes questionable Trump's description of this man who leads the world in imprisoned journalists as a reasonable person with whom one can deal. Further, as a strong believer in the Constitutional authority of the Legislative Branch, it is not likely that she will overlook our Executive Branch's history of routinely ignoring the Congress' laws regarding Turkey. For example, during the Embargo it surreptitiously transshipped arms to Turkey and it makes a sham of the law requiring the re-imposition of the Embargo if the President can no longer certify to the Congress that the Turks are withdrawing from Cyprus. As the Turks audaciously increase by ten times their illegal presence and that of extremist Imams on this Western Democratic country, the White House sends every few months to the Congress its certification that implies the Turks are working to withdraw.

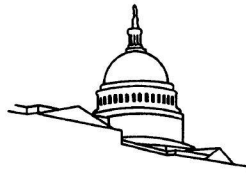
Chairwoman Lowey brings new influence to this issue in that she possesses what Founding Father James Madison called "the power of the purse...the most complete and effective weapon". Her power over the Executive Branch's budget will make it difficult for them to ignore the Congress' concern about this dangerous imbalance in the Eastern Mediterranean and our routine inadequate bolstering of all of our Western Democracies in the region.

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Former US Senate Committee Associate Staff Director



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Θα υποστηρίξει το Αμερικανικό Κογκρέσο την Ελλάδα και την Κύπρο όπως έκανε το 1974;

Είναι γεγονός ότι το Καπιτώλιο είχε να κρατήσει μια τόσο δίκαιη στάση από την Τουρκική εισβολή στην Κύπρο το 1974 με τον χαρακτηριστικό τίτλο «Ατίτλας» αλλά και τις ομαδικές εκτελέσεις και τους ομαδικούς τάφους που θυμίζουν έντονα την περίπτωση της Σεμπρένιτσα. Αυτή τη φορά είναι μια αντίδραση απέναντι στην απόφαση του Τούρκου Προέδρου Ερντογάν να προχωρήσει με την αγορά των S-400. Η ανάλυση των διαφορών αλλά και των ομοιοτήτων του τότε με το τώρα μπορούν να μας βοηθήσουν να προβλέψουμε το τί θα ακολουθήσει.

Σήμερα ο Γερουσιαστής και μέλος της Επιτροπής Εξωτερικών Υποθέσεων, Bob Menendez, ο οποίος ήταν από αυτούς που υποστήριξαν την πρώτη Συμμαχία Ανατολικής Μεσογείου για την Ασφάλεια και την Ενέργεια, παίζει ένα ρόλο που θυμίζει τον προϊστάμενό μου τη δεκαετία του '70 Γερουσιαστή Tom Eagleton, ο οποίος παρουσίασε την πρώτη νομοθεσία για το Στρατιωτικό Εμπάργκο προς την Τουρκία. Στη Βουλή, ο Έλληνας Μέλος του Κογκρέσου Gus Bilirakis, μαζί με τα επίσης Μέλη του Κογκρέσου David Cicilline και Ted Deutch, ο οποίος είναι ο Προεδρεύοντας της Υποεπιτροπής για θέματα Μέσης Ανατολής, παρουσίασαν και υποστήριξαν το Νομοσχέδιο για την Ανατολική Μεσόγειο. Όλοι αυτοί παίζουν τον ίδιο ρόλο με αυτό που τότε έπαιζαν οι κ.κ. Paul Sarbanes και John Brademas αμέσως μετά την εισβολή στην Κύπρο.

Με σεβασμό απέναντι στη νομοθεσία, ο Πρόεδρος Deutch, ο Πρόεδρος της Επιτροπής Εξωτερικών Υποθέσεων της Βουλής Eliot Engel, αλλά και ο Cicilline, όλοι Εβραίοι, παίζουν το ρόλο που το 1974 έπαιξε ο Πρόεδρος της Υποεπιτροπής Ευρωπαϊκών Υποθέσεων, Ben Rosenthal, ο οποίος ήταν επίσης Εβραίος. Οι Εβραίοι Γερουσιαστές και Μέλη του Κογκρέσου ψήφισαν υπέρ του Εμπάργκο σε μεγαλύτερο ποσοστό από οποιαδήποτε άλλη ομάδα. Κατανοούν τη ζημιά που γίνεται στα Αμερικανικά συμφέροντα στην περιοχή της Ανατολικής Μεσογείου όταν υπάρχουν Αμερικανικές πολιτικές που προκαλούν ανισορροπία και πληγώνουν χώρες συμμάχους όπως την Ελλάδα, την Κύπρο και το Ισραήλ.

Οι Ελληνικής καταγωγής Προσωπάρχες των μελών του Κογκρέσου Bilirakis και Cicilline -- Liz Hittos και Peter Karafotas, αντίστοιχα – παρουσιάζουν ομοιότητες με τους αντίστοιχους προσωπάρχες του Paul Sarbanes, Peter Marudas και εμένα όσον αφορά το ρόλο που κρατούσαμε εμείς και κρατούν και αυτοί στα παρασκήνια. Την εποχή εκείνη μπορούσα από το γραφείο μου στη Γερουσία αλλά και τα σαββατοκύριακα να έρχομαι σε επαφή με τις 500 εκκλησίες μας αλλά και διάφορες Ελληνικές οργανώσεις και να τους ενημερώσω σχετικά με το πόσες ψήφοι είναι αναγκαίοι για το κάθε θέμα. Την τεχνική την έμαθα από τον πατέρα μου που υπηρέτησε ως λομπίστας στις Κυβερνήσεις των Προέδρων Κέννεντι και Τζόνσον, αλλά και από την εργασία μου στη Γερουσία όπου βοήθησα στο να εξασφαλιστούν 12 σημαντικοί ψήφοι. Οι προσπάθειές μας έγραψε ιστορία αφού καταφέραμε να υπερισχύσει το Κογκρέσο σε βασικότερες Εξωτερικές Πολιτικές έναντι του Λευκού Οίκου.

Ότι έγινε τότε θα πρέπει να λειτουργήσει ως μάθημα για τις τωρινές προσδοκίες μας. Ο Πρόεδρος Κάρτερ δημιούργησε τότε μεγάλες προσδοκίες για την Κύπρο και την Ελλάδα, διορίζοντας εμένα ως το νεότερο Υφυπουργό του. Στη συνέχεια πίστεψε τις υποσχέσεις της Τουρκίας ότι θα αποσυρθεί από την Κύπρο μόλις γίνει άρση του εμπάργκο και για αυτό μας έδωσε τη σχετική εντολή. Παρατηρήθηκα και είδα την άρση του εμπάργκο με μία μόνο ψήφο, πράγμα το οποίο δεν θα συνέβαινε εάν συνέχιζε η προσπάθειά μου στη Γερουσία.

Ιδιαίτερα σημαντικές τότε αλλά και τώρα είναι οι Επιτροπές Πιστώσεων του Κογκρέσου. Τότε μείωναν στρατιωτικές πιστώσεις προς την Τουρκία. Σήμερα ο ρόλος αυτών των Επιτροπών είναι ακόμα σημαντικότερος εξαιτίας της Προέδρου της Επιτροπής, Nita Lowey, η οποία είναι από τα πιο αξιοσέβαστα και με μεγάλη επιρροή

Μέλη και φιλέλληνας. Όπως και οι Υφυπουργοί Εξωτερικών της Κυβέρνησης Κλίντον, Dick Holbrooke και Wess Mitchell, κατανοεί και η ίδια ότι οι Ηνωμένες Πολιτείες θα πρέπει να λάβει σημαντικά μέτρα για να επανέλθει η ισορροπία στην Ανατολική Μεσόγειο ενισχύοντας την Ελλάδα, την Κύπρο και το Ισραήλ.

Για να το καταφέρει αυτό, η Lowey θεσμοθέτησε την Ετήσια Συνάντηση Κορυφής στην Ουάσιγκτον για τη Συμμαχία της Ανατολικής Μεσογείου με τη συμμετοχή των Ηνωμένων Πολιτειών, του Ισραήλ, της Ελλάδας και της Κύπρου. Η κίνηση αυτή θα βοηθήσει στην καλύτερη κατανόηση της αξίας των τριών αυτών χωρών. Η Επιτροπή Πιστώσεων γνωρίζει ότι έχουμε προσφέρει στην Τουρκία δισεκατομμύρια δολάρια σε στρατιωτική βοήθεια προς την Τουρκία το μεγαλύτερο μέρος της οποίας χρησιμοποιήθηκαν ενάντια στην Ελλάδα και την Κύπρο.

Λαμβάνοντας υπ' όψη τις γνώσεις της Προέδρου Lowey για το θέμα, η πρόσφατη άρνηση του Προέδρου Τραμπ να προβεί σε κυρώσεις στην Τουρκία μετά την αγορά των Ρωσικών S-400s είναι πιθανόν να την δυσκολέψει. Η εξοικείωσή της με τον τρόπο που λειτουργεί ο Ερντογάν, έρχεται σε αντίθεση με την αμφισβητήσιμη περιγραφή του Τραμπ για έναν λογικό ηγέτη με τον οποίο μπορεί κάποιος να συζητήσει, ενώ στην ουσία κυβερνά με φυλακισμένους δημοσιογράφους. Βάση του ότι η Πρόεδρος στηρίζει σθεναρά τη Θεσμική εξουσία του Νομοθετικού σώματος, δεν είναι απίθανο να υπερπηδήσει τη συνήθεια ετών του Εκτελεστικού σώματος να αγνοεί επιδεικτικά νόμους του Κογκρέσου σχετικά με την Τουρκία. Για παράδειγμα, κατά τη διάρκεια του Εμπάργκο είναι γνωστό ότι αποστέλλονταν κρυφά όπλα στην Τουρκία αγνοώντας έτσι τη νομοθεσία που ρητά έλεγε ότι το εμπάργκο θα έπρεπε να τεθεί ξανά σε ισχύ στην περίπτωση που ο Πρόεδρος δεν θα είχε πλέον τη δυνατότητα να αποδείξει ότι οι Τούρκοι αποσύρονταν από την Κύπρο. Καθώς οι Τούρκοι αυξάνουν κατά δέκα φορές την παράνομη παρουσία τους σε μια Δυτική δημοκρατική χώρα, ο Λευκός Οίκος στέλνει κάθε μερικούς μήνες στο Κογκρέσο πιστοποιήσεις που δείχνουν ότι οι Τούρκοι πρόκειται να αποσυρθούν.

Η Πρόεδρος Lowey φέρνει μια νέα τροπή στο θέμα ακολουθώντας τη ρήση του Ιδρυτή μας James Madison ο οποίος ανέφερε ότι «η δύναμη του πορτοφολιού...το πιο ολοκληρωμένο και αποτελεσματικό όπλο». Η δύναμη της Προέδρου που υπερβαίνει το Εκτελεστικό κομμάτι του προϋπολογισμού δεν θα επιτρέψει να αγνοηθεί το Κογκρέσο και οι ανησυχίες του σχετικά με την επικίνδυνη ανισορροπία στην Ανατολική Μεσόγειο αλλά και την συνεχόμενη ανικανότητά μας να υποστηρίξουμε τις Δυτικές Δημοκρατίες της περιοχής.

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